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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:59 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Lieutenant Governor's Report - October 8, 2007.htm

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From: Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored) [mailto:lt.governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 4:47 PM
To: lt_governor@list.state.ak.us
Subject: Lieutenant Governor's Report - October 8, 2007.htm

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Lieutenant Governor's Report

by Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell
October 8, 2007

Welcome!

Welcome to the latest edition of your Lieutenant Governor's Report. I spent much of the last few weeks visiting communities in the Mat-Su Valley, Copper River Valley and Prince William Sound, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western Alaska. In this report, I'll update you on the victories and concerns of Alaskans across the state, particularly in our schools. Read on!

Spotlight on Alaska's Schools

Sutton Elementary School/Mat-Su Valley

Senator Gene Therriault, my Chief of Staff (COS) Jay Pullins, and I visited several schools in the Mat-Su Valley, including Sutton Elementary School, where we were given a tour by Principal Katherine Fennell. The school recently received funds for new playground equipment from this year's capital budget, and the Sutton Elementary students look forward to enjoying their new school yard.

Principal Fennell also expressed concerns over how the performance incentive payments for school staff may be applied inequitably.

Glacier View School/Mat-Su Valley

We also stopped at Glacier View School, which serves 45 students grades K-12.

After eating lunch with the kindergarten through third grades, Senator Therriault, COS Pullins, and I were given a tour of the school by Principal Wendy Taylor. We also had the opportunity to speak with teachers and a group of high school students, who expressed a need for more wood-working equipment, and spoke highly of Principal Taylor.

Glennallen Elementary School

In Glennallen we toured the construction of the new elementary school with Principal Michael Johnson and members of the school board. We also walked through the gym in the old school where I wrestled as a high school student - and where my Glennallen opponent prevailed.

Copper Center School

As our trip progressed we moved deeper into the Interior and visited Copper Center School. Copper Center School is a small, high achieving school of about 45 kindergarten through sixth grade students. We met with Principal Byron Rice and his dedicated teachers and staff.

We learned that, even though Copper Center has some difficult social issues, the school appears to be a real light of hope for the children and parents they serve. I commend Copper Center School's team of teachers and administrators for each person's willingness to selflessly give to these children.

Galena

I visited the Interior-Alaska village of Galena and spent the morning visiting the school, medical clinic, city utilities, the city police, and speaking with staff from the Office of Children's Services. That afternoon I was given an in-depth tour of another school, the Galena Interior Learning Academy, or GILA.

I was very impressed with GILA's campus and enjoyed sharing in the ribbon-cutting ceremony with Elder Sidney Huntington to open GILA's new Ptarmigan Dorm. I was greatly encouraged by the strong sense of community in Galena, and I applaud their investment in their young people, as shown by both Sidney Huntington School and GILA. As a community, Galena is taking great strides to strengthen not only the future of their village, but the future of Alaska.

Hooper Bay

I recently visited the village of Hooper Bay, and I applaud the community for its recovery and "can do" attitude following a devastating fire just over a year ago. The fire, which wiped out the school and homes in an area where between 60 to 80 village residents lived, did not destroy the hopes or futures of the residents who live there. I found promising signs of recovery and community - from a fully functioning new school, to a new water treatment plant, to construction of a number of new homes for those whose homes were destroyed in the fire.

Besides the courageous people of Hooper Bay, I especially want to recognize

Samaritan's Purse for stepping in and providing volunteer labor and materials last fall to replace homes; for working this summer to build a new teen center among other structures; and for teaching students of the Hooper Bay School worthwhile job skills, like carpentry, which went toward high school credit - as the high school students worked side by side with Samaritan's Purse volunteers to rebuild village structures lost to fire.

Although we have a long way to go in Hooper Bay to bring safe water and sewer services to the people and to provide safe, adequate landfill services, the volunteers who willingly gave of their time and incorporated village residents and students into the work may have provided a useful model for how to accelerate such projects in the future - providing hope and opportunity along the way.

Chevak

I visited the village of Chevak with Commissioner Larry Hartig and Bill Griffith of the Department of Environmental Conservation recently.

We visited with the mayor, council members, and education leaders who provided a first-hand view of water and sewer facilities, school facilities, erosion issues, and the need for road work. I particularly enjoyed my visit to Chevak School, where I ate lunch with a group of students and learned about their love of sports and their upcoming state cross-country meet in Palmer.

Every day positive things are occuring in Alaska's schools, and credit is due to the educators, staff, and parents - they are the true heroes. They daily shape the lives of Alaska's next generation and I am grateful for what they do.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On the first of the month, Governor Palin declared October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in a ceremony held at Loussac Library. Please click here to read her proclamation.

A few days later, both the governor and I had the opportunity to speak to the Anchorage Woman's Club on the topic of domestic violence, and together we addressed the responsibility of both the state and local communities to overcome domestic violence in Alaska.

Alaska ranks too high when it comes to many negative statistics, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and suicide. We must wipe out this cancer that is killing Alaska's marriages, families, and communities. The only way to accomplish this is for our neighbors, friends, families, and fellow survivors to speak out and set the standard that domestic violence is not acceptable in our homes or communities. Together, we can make a difference and end domestic violence in Alaska.

Anchorage Community Spotlight: Arctic Paws

I had the opportunity in September to tour the Anchorage production facility of Brett

Gibson's "Arctic Paws," an authentic Alaskan business famous for producing "Yummy Chummies." Brett provided a very educational tour, showing me the ins and outs of the production process: using quality, fresh ingredients and processing and packaging it right here in the state, Arctic Paws is an Alaskan success story - using Alaskan products and labor, and strengthening the Alaskan economy. Brett also shared with me his concerns regarding a proposed municipal Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) and the negative effects it could have on his business. I appreciated Brett's time and his willingness to share concerns and ideas. The Palin/Parnell Administration remains committed to creating an environment of opportunity for Alaskan business owners.

Photos From Around Our State

1. "Knik River," by Brian Phillips.

2. "Waylon Woodall in Peters Creek," by Brian Phillips.

3. "Enjoying God's Creation," by Brian Phillips.

4."Halibut Cove Otter." Lisa Torkelson submitted this photo of an otter at Halibut Cove, saying, "He practically posed for me!"

The next four pictures were submitted by LaVonne Geffe and highlight the wild beauty our state possesses - and the reason that so many have been drawn to Alaska.

5. "Pioneer Peak from Hatcher's Pass," by LaVonne Geffe.

6. "Swan Lake," by LaVonne Geffe.

7. "Autumnal Landscape," by LaVonne Geffe.

8. "Alaskan Sunset," by LaVonne Geffe.

In Closing...

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this report. Our readers report how much they enjoy the pictures that have been submitted in past reports, so please remember to send in your pictures and community spotlights to Kate Morgan. If you are not yet a subscriber to this report but would like to be, please click here. On occasion, events occur that warrant a special announcement or press release. If you would like to be added to our media list, please click here. Thank you for your time, Alaska, and I look forward to updating you next month!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:57 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: STEP Program

From: Bill Slayden [mailto:bill@slaydenplumbing.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:53 PM
To: Scavera, Paula D (DOL)
Cc: rep_john_harris@legis.state.ak.us; rep_john_coghill@legis.state.ak.us; Therriault, Gene (LAA); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Wilken, Gary R (LAA); Rebecca Logan; Bill Watterson; Jim Watterson; George Osborne; Jake Jacobson; Julie Duquette
Subject: STEP Program

Dear Ms.Scavera
Listed below are my concerns with the STEP program and pending legislation:
1. Private employers have been exempted from the program through the elimination of tuition-based training.
2. The responsibility for the program is given to the AWIB board in Alaska Statute and the program should be taken from the Division of Business Partnerships and returned to the AWIB board.
3. Renewing grants at the discretion of the DOL without a public process is illegal.
4. Considering grant applications as private property and unavailable for public review is illegal.
5. Denying grants for formatting errors prior to evaluating the merit of the project is poor management.

The program and pending legislation is discriminatory and will result in multiple legal actions. Please remind the Governor that at least 80% of Alaska's work force is non-union and that the Department of Labor represents all Alaskans, not just those that belong to a union. Last time I checked the name of the DOL has not been changed to the Department of Organized Labor.

Thank you,
William L. Slayden
President, Slayden Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
1999 Richardson Highway, North Pole, Alaska 99705
3230 East Palmer/Wasilla Highway, Wasilla, Alaska 99687
(907) 488-3359

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:44 AM
To: 'kaynoble@starband.net'
Subject: RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 9:53 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Ms. Kay Noble

address: HC 33 BOX 30600 Nenana AK 99760

907,322.5582

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,rnFirst let me tell you that I am so proud of you and the job that you are doing for us. Thank you. rnMy son Ben who is everything to me was having trouble understanding some of the concepts in his algebra class, after discussing what we should do about it we decided to call the teacher and ask her if she could tutor him a bit to get him back on track as I do not understand algebra myself and am unable to help him in this subject. I was told kindly that she was so overloaded that she simply didnt have the time. rn Our math teacher, who is so dedicated to her students that she comes in 1 hour before school to help advanced students is doing all she can. We need another math teacher. Our principal Joe Kraus is in the class many days helping to the best of his ability. Joe informs me that Nenana took a 1.4 million cut to meet their budget this year. After doing a little research on what schools are getting, I found that Nenana which receives only $1200-$1500 a student. Compa

red to Mt. Edgecomb's 1800. Not to mention Galena's School District which is actually expanding. So my question is why isn't Nenana getting more money? We pay almost $7.00 a gallon for milk here, and gas is 3.50 a gallon, why is it that here where things are so expensive we get so little for our children. I am not on the school board but rather just a conserned mother worried about the education that her son is receiving. This is Ben's JR year. It is very important that he has a sound understanding of algebra. Ben wants to become a teacher and teach at the Nenana School. College is only 2 years away and he will be required to take algebra classes in college, which I can only pray at this time that he will be ready for. Time is of the essence here. My choices are nill. What can you do to help me, my son and the students of Nenana Schools, which include children from all over Alaska as we have a boarding school here.rnI hope you can take some time to address this Sarah, as I am feeling

very sad about the whole situation.rnWarm!

Regards, rnKay NoblernNenana, AK

kaynoble@starband.net

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:28 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Becky H.

11:45 looks like the only open time on my end

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 17:06:21

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fw: Meeting with Becky H.

Do any of the times below work for you to see Becky H in my office next Monday?

Just got back to Nome from Shishmaref. Went there today as we were weathered out of Wales.

----- Original Message -----

From: Showalter, Kristine D (GOV)

To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Pullins, Jay D (GOV)

Sent: Mon Oct 08 12:24:01 2007

Subject: Meeting with Becky H.

LG:

Becky can meet with you next Monday at either 815a (prior to your conference at 9 that the Governor is speaking at), at noon (directly after your meeting with the Gov, scheduled to end at 1145), or after 3pm. You have the afternoon blocked off as do not schedule since you are headed to DC the next morning.

I told her to plan on noon for now, unless you decide to pick another time. You also have a 115 with the British Consul General.

We could bring lunch up from Dianne's if you want, or just let her know it will be a "working lunch" and to bring something with her if she wants.

KS

Kristine Showalter I Deputy Chief of Staff

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 10:33 AM
To: K Perry; M Nizich; Mike Tibbles; John Katz; Craig Campbell; Todd
Cc: Beth Leschper; Sharon Leighow
Subject: Re: "America Supports You"/Great Alaska Shoot Out

Sounds really good- and I apologize for forgetting to respond to him earlier... just didnt know who to send him to and sort of spaced out his request the last week or two. Perhaps this is something the First Gentleman could participate in also - we usually do attend the Shootout.

Pls tell Dan it's a great idea - whatever I can do to help - but we'll have to direct him to someone who's got time to be real effective in helping him.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 13:11:11

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>,"Craig Campbell" <craig.campbell2@us.army.mil>

Subject: "America Supports You"/Great Alaska Shoot Out

Dan Wilmot, your DoD escort to Kuwait, asked me to follow-up on the = attached email which he sent to you previously.

As you will note, Dan is suggesting various interactions between the = Alaska military and participants in the Great Alaska Shoot Out. = Presumably, Dan will follow-up, but he needs to know whether these = activities would have your blessing.

Thanks for taking a look at this.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 9:07 AM
To: ceecampbell@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 3:31 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: cee campbell

address: 3601 arctic blvd #210 anchorage AK 99504

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,rnrnI am writing to you with a great sense of urgency regarding a matter that is a great injustice to the Alaskan people and the great state of Alaska.rnrnYour new administration is being taken advantage of by General Campbell, he is using you and your administration for his personal gain and to save face as the result of a poor idea. He is taking advantage of the fact that he was allowed to retain his position from the previous administration and he is playing heavily on the fact you probably do not have a lot of military experience nor are very familiar with the workings of the Guard and military.rnrnThe proposal to get rid of the 8 C-130 Hercules aircraft that belong to you and the people of the state of Alaska borders on criminal. rnrnThe recent BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Committee saw the value of keeping these 8 aircraft in the state of Alaska and realized the value of the mission they perform and determined that the number of aircraft should be in

creased to 12.rnrnGeneral Campbell has an idea to create a new Air National Guard C-17 associate squadron to the Air Force Active duty C-17 squadron. The Alaska Air National Guard associate squadron will not have any aircraft, only personnel. Apparently he decided this all on his own. rnrnGiven the current state of affairs of this great country, battling the war against terrorism on several fronts, military funds are very limited with most being used to fight the war on terrorism. General Campbell led everyone to believe the State of Alaska could support this new C-17 associate squadron and that the government to include Guard Bureau would fund this. He assured the members of the Alaska Air National Guard that none of the current flying squadrons would be shut down and they would not have to give up anything (apparently a lie). Things have not come to fruition as planned – Guard Bureau does not have the funds or resources to support this new associate squadron therefore they are

operating on a temporary basis and have !

not achieved squadron status or funding, the only way they can operate is as a Detachment, and he has now been given the ultimatum that if he want this new associate squadron he will have to shut down one of the other squadrons or give up his C-17 associate squadron that is still in its infancy. Apparently he has decided that in order to save face that he would shut down the Alaska Air National Guard 144th Airlift squadron and get rid of your and the State of Alaska's 8 C-130 aircraft. This decision that he is making for personal reasons is a great injustice to the State of Alaska and it's people. In these difficult times of cut backs and base closures he is wanting to take a gift (the additional 4 C-130 aircraft) and your current 8 C-130 aircraft and throw it back in the face of the BRAC committee and tell them not only do we not want the additional aircraft but we want to give up the 8 we have for absolutely nothing in return. There are no other aircraft out there to get; there

is no trading to be done. The BRAC committee has given us the best deal we could hope for. Other states are loosing their aircraft (they are being taken from them) almost every other unit is being cut back. Except the Alaska Air National Guard - the BRAC committee has given you an additional 4 C-130 aircraft, but General Campbell has decided he doesn't want them. The BRAC decision is law, apparently General Campbell is currently trying to make several behind the scenes "deals" to try and get around the BRAC law. He is trying to circumvent this law by saying it doesn't apply to him and he doesn't have to abide by it. Given the current publicity surrounding Senator Stevens do we really want someone representing Alaska conducting that type of business and drawing that kind of negative attention to our great State simply to save face for an idea he had that didn't turn out. He is trying to save face and further his career at the expense of all Alaskans. The Alaska Air National Gu

ard used to be in very good standing with!

Guard Bureau, now it appears that because of all the attempts to "cut deals" and trying to find ways around the laws. Guard Bureau is all but fed up with us and he has destroyed our good relationship with them.rnrnThe state will no longer have 8 C-130 aircraft at its disposal to use in the case of emergencies. Given the diverse nature of this great state, it's size and limited road and rail access, there have been several instances where these C-130 aircraft have been the lifeline to our remote villages and have saved countless lives by delivering supplies and equipment to Alaskans in need. This is truly Alaskans helping Alaskans. rnrnThe illusion that the C-17 will be able to perform this same mission is a total fabrication. A salesman trying to make a sale. The C-17 will not be able to deliver the volume of supplies and equipment to any but the largest towns. On paper it may be able to land and take off at some of the smaller villages, but the aircraft will have to be lighten

ed, have minimum fuel, and not be able to deliver any substantial quantity of equipment because the aircraft alone is to big and too heavy. If you think the previous governors jet purchase was unnecessary this proposal is totally ridiculous. (By the way, thank you for getting rid of that jet – good job!)rnrnYou currently have 8 C-130 aircraft at your disposal that you own, and can be used at a moments notice if an emergency arises. If General Campbell is allowed to give these aircraft away the people of Alaska will pay the price. Even though you may be led to believe that the Active duty is going to allow you to use their C-17 aircraft as the need arises, I do not believe that to be the case.rnrnI am willing to bet if you ask any other governor from any state with C-130 aircraft if they think this proposal of General Campbell's to give away your aircraft, is a good idea the answer will be a resounding NO! (Unless they will be the ones getting your aircraft).rnrnGeneral Campbell ca

n try to convince you that this is good f!

or the Alaska Air National Guard by giving you several alternatives to replacing these 8 aircraft, none of which hold water, again all it is is a sales pitch by someone trying to save face for a bad idea. Another reason this additional squadron is not a very good idea is that Alaska does not have the population base to support another squadron. rnrnYou are being persuaded to give up everything for nothing in return. This is a very bad deal for the State of Alaska and its people.rnrnYou have done such a fantastic job with the pipeline and ethics issues, I hope you can see through this absurd proposal and see it for

the snow job it is: Un-ethical, bad for Alaska, and simply one persons attempt to further his own agenda.rnrnThe proposal to give away your 8 C-130 aircraft needs to be stopped immediately; once they are gone you will not get them back. The damage will be done and the people in Alaska, especially the rural areas will suffer the most. I believe this proposal (the start

up of the C-17 associate squadron at the cost of your 8 C-130 aircraft) at this particular time to be totally politically motivated by an individual with political aspirations with total disregard to the welfare of the people of the state of Alaska and the current mission of the Alaska Air National Guard. Currently the start up of the C-17 associate squadron it too ambitious and is at too great a cost to the Alaskan people. In a few years when the dust from the BRAC decision settles the start up of this new squadron may have more merit.rnrnThank you for your timernSincerely,rnOne of your constituents and a very concerned Alaskan.rnI submit this with great personal risk and a great risk of retaliation to the current Alaska Air National Guard flying squadrons. I sincerely wish there were some sort of whistle blower protection in place as there is for other agencies.

ceecampbell@gmail.com

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 7:50 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Empire editorial

I do not have anything more to add to what Katz' sent. The quick answer is that John made contact with the delegation and I assigned myself the job of contacting local legislators. We both worked quickly to cover our assignments once the release was approved but even on my end Kyle did not call me back until the afternoon. I never planned on talking to the delegation and I know John would have recomended against it anyway.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

To: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Sent: 10/9/2007 4:30 AM

Subject: Fw: Empire editorial

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Persily, Larry A (GOV); Katz, John W (GOV)

Sent: Mon Oct 08 07:07:59 2007

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 7:29 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Conversation re ACES

Spoke with Rick Solie today. He indicated he thinks ConocoPhillips will keep its head down in the special session environment, indicating he doesn't think they will be super visible walking the halls. In his words, "We're just going to let the sovereign do what the sovereign is going to do."

He also indicated that he doesn't agree (and I couldn't tell whether it was him or if he was speaking for COP) with the high dollar ad campaign currently being run in print and on tv. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted Privileged or Pers Kind of interesting.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 5:38 PM
To: Schmidt; Joseph D (DOC)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Great article on prisons!

Thanks!

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 4:30 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mayor Williams of Ketchikan

However it works. I'll certainly cont to try to get there!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 13:21:54

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>,"Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Subject: Mayor Williams of Ketchikan

Governor,

I spoke with Mayor Williams of Ketchikan today and he was requesting an update on when you would be able to visit Ketchikan. I reiterated twice that we offered to have him come to Juneau for a meeting in the short-term and look at scheduling a Ketchikan trip at a later date. In my first conversation with the Mayor he requested a meeting in either location. I pointed out the schedule is very busy and with the special session coming up, it would be difficult to get to his community prior to the end of the special session. He was polite but there is always a possibility he will try to use our comments to stir things up.

We talked to DOT today about proceeding with the amending the EIS and record of decision regarding a new proposed alternative. DOT is working with fed highways now and we should be able to establish a date for DOT staff to visit Ketchikan, discuss the alternatives and take comments from the public.

Mike

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 4:13 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fw: Dillon response

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 00:04:11

To:"Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Dillon response

I think this is sick, really.

I'm going to send it to Meg if you haven't already done so.

Who is this reporter, anyway? I know he's from Fairbanks, but what's his beef with us - and disparaging comments about Meg are unacceptable.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 12:33:55

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Dillon response

Governor-

I called Dillon on this. I wanted him to be clear that Meghan had a very difficult pregnancy and has nothing but the deepest respect for you and your administration. He

appreciated the call. He did tell me that he knew Todd had called Speaker Harris to complain about Bitney. I'm sure it was Bitney who called Dillon – thus the land mine comment.

Alaskan Abroad

The ever-shrinking inner circle

New mom Meghan Stapleton is leaving the Palin administration to spend more time with her growing family. Her departure reduces Palin's inner circle to, well basically one plus her husband Todd.

Palin's closest advisers since the campaign have been Meghan, Mike Tibbles and John Bitney. Not even a year into the term and only Tibbles remains. Todd Palin has great influence over decisions coming from the Third Floor as well, but no one expects him to go anywhere.

There's some interesting speculation over Meghan's departure. Was it on good terms? These types of splits are always described as friendly, but seldom are. Bitney's exit was made at bayonet-point and he's now for the administration a political land mine waiting to go off. Meghan could be even more so in the future. It's no secret that she has political aspirations of her own. But let's give her the benefit of the doubt. Being a new mom is hard work and the position of lead flak for the governor would be stressful for anyone.

Maybe Meghan will reappear on the political scene, maybe not. Until then we'll be watching what Andrew Halcro says about her.

Palin's new press person is Beth Leschper. Beth's husband, Lee, is the advertising director for the Juneau Empire. They moved to the state in 2005, so Beth has a bit of catch up to do on Alaska issues. Welcome to the show.

Belated praise for Leighow

In my previous post about Meghan Stapleton's exit from Planet Palin, I forgot to mention the good job Sharon Leighow is doing as assistant press secretary. Sharon got thrown into the deep end when Meghan went on maternity leave and has had to juggle a heavy load of Alaskan and Outside press requests. I harass Sharon on a weekly basis and she always does her best to meet my early East Coast deadline. I much appreciate a spokesperson who responds in a timely manner even to potentially hostile questions. Thanks.

http://alaskanabroad.typepad.com/an_alaskan_abroad/2007/10/belated-praise-.html

Sharon Leighow

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 1:00 PM
To: Persily; Larry A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Empire editorial

Love it - your "always having an opinion". Keep it up.

Again, 20/20 hindsight lesson learned with the bridges.

With the vetoes, too, except it was more obvious then that communications in/by Leg Liason office weren't quite right.

Thank you.

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From: Larry Persily <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Tue Oct 09 12:54:40 2007

Subject: Re: Empire editorial

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Larry "Always With an Opinion on Everything" Persily

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To: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Sent: 10/9/2007 4:30 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:40 AM
To: donald.brown@eielson.af.mil
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Mr. Brown

Thank you for your email.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:53 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Don Brown

address: 2322 Blue Sparkle North Pole AK 99705

907-4881432

MESSAGE:

Ma'am. I have to express my great appriation for shutting down Congressman Miller's proposal. We are Alaskans. We can manage and take care of our wildlife quiet well on our on. Once again thanks. You are do a AWSOME JOB. Don

donald.brown@eielson.af.mil

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To: hutlanee@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:23 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. hugh mcpeck

address: 8900 basher anchorage AK 99507

9073380719

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin, You almost made a Republican out of this life long Independent but your disregard for our natural resosurces, wildlife and the will of the people is very disturbingg. Aerial wolfhunts are such a poor excuse for game management and allowing hunters near Katmai is beyond the understanding of a life long hunter, a believer in fair chase and a man who treasures what Alaska still has. Has, that most states have lost. Alaska is so unique but with a disregard for saving our wilderness we will soon become the shooting gallery of the world. Please take time to reconsider these points and I do thank you for your time and your ability to stand up to what is corrupt in our Govt. Sincerely, Hugh Mc Peck

hutlanee@yahoo.com

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2007 11:06 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Meeting with Becky H.

We'll work to get her in the office by 11:45, Monday.

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
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Subject: FW: Dillon

Dillon's blog is read frequently by people like Mark Hanley and other oil patch types. Additionally, he has entre to Larry Persily and John Katz.